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Talking Points for the DDI
(24 October 1983)

LEBANON: Situation Update as of 1500 EDT

According to the latest casualty reports, at least 183 US Marines were killed in the bombing of the Marine headquarters yesterday and 75 others are listed as wounded. [redacted] 25X1

Marines near the southern end of the airport came under small arms fire this morning. The Embassy reports sniping of LAF positions in Suq al Gharb and in the southern suburbs of Beirut. [redacted] 25X1

The first aircraft bringing additional Marines from Camp Lejeune landed at Beirut International Airport today. [redacted] 25X1

In its first official statement on the bombings, Syria today criticized US accusations of Syrian complicity charging that they were made "in the context of a continuous policy hostile to Syria..." [redacted] 25X1

The French, Italian, and British Governments presumably will keep their soldiers in Beirut as part of the MNF. None, however, will favor the expansion of the force. [redacted] 25X1

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